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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/651,915
Filing Date: August 31, 2000
Entitled: NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INCLUDING CUSTOM SCREEN MARKS
Attorney Docket No: 102689-51/ 00-U0075

Dear Sir:

On December 18, 2000, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment intended to be filed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,700 (as indicated on the first page of the amendment), a copy of which is enclosed herewith. However, the transmittal letter submitted with the amendment incorrectly cites the above-referenced patent application. Accordingly, please **disregard** the amendment in this application, and forward the enclosed corrected transmittal letter, along with the Preliminary Amendment, to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/653,700.

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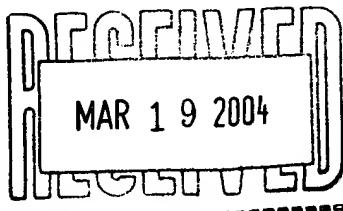
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Applicant(s): James R. Perry et al.

Application No: 09/653,700

Filing Date: August 31, 2000

Entitled: **NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
INCLUDING SONET PATH
CONFIGURATION WIZARD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification



On page 68, lines 29-30, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor - - 41 - -.